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"The World's Largest Indian Fair Parade is Coming!"

Window Rock, AZ – August 19, 2011. Traffic jams in Window Rock are extremely rare. One day out of the year a traffic jam will make itself known to Window Rock. Saturday, September 10th, 2011 will be that day. The who's who of the Navajo Nation will showcase their floats down Highway 264 for the Navajo Nation Fair Parade.

Fair goes from across the Navajo Nation, and the world come to renew their friendships, enjoy the food and see the display of the arts and culture of the Navajo people. The parade will take place on Highway 264 beginning east of Tse Bonito, NM and end in St. Michaels, AZ.

Road closures will begin at 6:00 am; it is essential that fair exhibitors and contestants as well as bypassing traffic plan their commute accordingly. Law enforcement will also be closing access points to residential and commercial areas during the parade. The parade is scheduled to begin at 8:00 am. Any spectators along Highway 264 are discouraged from parking within the right of way. Special Events Office and the Navajo Nation will not be held responsible for any loss of property or accidents that may occur along Highway 264.

To bypass the Parade traveling east on Highway 264 into Window Rock it is recommended that you take route 12 through Ft. Defiance on to Route 54, Old Coalmine Road then back on Highway 64.

If you are traveling east into Window Rock from St. Michaels it is recommended to bypass the parade through Route 12. Route 12 heads north to Ft. Defiance, AZ and south to I-40. If you are traveling west into Window Rock you may take Route 54, Old Coal Mine Road into Ft. Defiance, AZ to bypass the parade.

Due to high traffic and possible vehicle accidents along the road, the public is strongly discouraged from camping along Highway 264 during the duration of the fair. Camp grounds are available on the fairgrounds. Camping sites will be available on a first come first serve basis that will open up the week of the fair.

Parade line-up begins at 5:00 am. Parade participants under eighteen years of age will not be allowed to partake in the parade without a signed waiver. There will be no onsite registration for parade entries. The parade entries are limited; the deadline is September 2, 2011 at 5:00 pm. Download entry forms at www.navajonationfair.com or pick up from Navajo Nation Museum. Submit entries with Money Order to Division of Natural Resources c/o Navajo Nation Fair Parade P.O. Box 9000 Window Rock, AZ or walk in entries to the Navajo Nation Museum.

For more information please visit www.navajonationfair.com or call the Special Events Section at 928-871-6642 or 928-871-6632.

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